



# The Zucchet Gazette



*News from Deputy Mayor Michael Zucchet, District Two*

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## Councilmember Zucchet serves on the following:

- Natural Resources and Culture Committee
- Land Use and Housing Committee
- Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
- Clean Water Task Force
- Metropolitan Transit System Board
- Chair, North Embarcadero Joint Powers Authority
- SANDAG Energy Working Group

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## Michael Zucchet Named Deputy Mayor

Councilmember Michael Zucchet was confirmed as Deputy Mayor of the City of San Diego by the City Council. Mayor Dick Murphy recommended him for the position of Deputy Mayor on December 2 for a term extending from December 7, 2004 to December 31, 2005.

As Deputy Mayor, Zucchet will preside over City Council meetings in the Mayor's absence or inability to perform his duties and will serve as Vice Chair of the City Council's Rules Committee. Zucchet will continue serving on the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee as well.

Councilmember Zucchet will continue as Chair of the North Embarcadero Alliance. He will also be a City liaison to the Metropolitan Transit System Board, the Port Commission, SANDAG's Bayshore Bikeway Committee, and the City-County Joint Homeless Task Force.

### In Memoriam

## Michael Max Duran

Longtime Pacific Beach resident and community volunteer Mike Duran passed away on Wednesday, November 24, 2004.

Michael Max Duran was born in Denver, Colorado on December 2, 1953. Upon arrival to San Diego in 1988, Duran started doing what he did best: making friends. Everyone knew Duran as a happy and friendly person, so it came as no surprise when he got involved with the community groups of Pacific Beach.

He was a longtime board member of the Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) and was to become the organization's president in January 2005. He also served on Discover Pacific Beach's Design and Improvements Committee, Promotions Committee, and Pacific BeachFest Committee. Duran's service never ended at meetings. He could always be counted on to volunteer at civic events, including BeachFest and the PBTC's summer concert series. His contagious smile and warmth immediately put people at ease and embodied the true spirit of Pacific Beach.

Longtime friend and fellow community volunteer Ruby Houck honored Duran with the following comment, "He had such a big heart. Whether you were a homeless person or a dignitary, everyone was the same to him. He set an example. He filled in so many spaces in our community. It's going to take a lot of people to fill in the shoes of one man. He had a lot of dreams for Pacific Beach."

Duran is survived by his parents, stepson, and five siblings. A memorial fund to be used for an annual Mike Duran Volunteer Award is being developed.

The San Diego City Council adjourned their meeting on November 30 in memory of Duran.

## Water Reuse Study Now Underway

The San Diego region is continually challenged to maintain an adequate water supply because of its arid climate. The City of San Diego currently imports 80 – 90 percent of its water supply, with the balance of the supply provided by stored local runoff and water recycling.

The City began deliveries of recycled water to customers in 1997 and operates two state-of-the-art water reclamation facilities located in the North City and South Bay areas. The recycled water produced is an important local water resource that can be used significantly more.

In January 2004, the City embarked on a Water Reuse Study to thoroughly analyze how recycled water can be used more extensively in San Diego. The study will produce an impartial, science-based report that will evaluate all potential uses of recycled water, including

- Expanding the existing distribution system for irrigation and industrial use

- Additional customer uses for construction, manufacturing, cooling towers, etc.
- Adding recycled water storage reservoirs
- Wetlands development
- Discharge into streams
- Recharging groundwater basins for non-potable use
- After additional advanced treatment, blending with water stored in reservoirs or groundwater basins used as drinking water sources
- Graywater use

Extensive public involvement is a crucial part of the study. To find out more about the study, schedule a speakers bureau presentation, or sign up for periodic study newsletters by visiting [www.sandiego.gov/water/waterreustudy](http://www.sandiego.gov/water/waterreustudy) or calling (619) 533-4631.

Sign up for Deputy Mayor Zucchet's E-Newsletter: [www.sandiego.gov/cd2](http://www.sandiego.gov/cd2)

## Councilmember Zucchet Honors High Tech High Students

On October 19, Councilmember Michael Zucchet presented a commendation to several distinguished students of High Tech High School in Point Loma for their efforts creating a field guide for the boat channel near the former Naval Training Center.

"The work of the students of High Tech High is amazing," said Zucchet. "The field guide contains useful information about a complicated area."

Teachers Rod Buenviaje, Tom Fehrenbacher, and Dr. Jay Vavra worked with their students to create the field guide as part of the Roots & Shoots program of the Jane Goodall Institute. Goodall, a world renowned wildlife researcher, wrote the field guide's foreword.

The field guide looks at the Boat Channel from three different perspectives: biology, math, and the humanities. As a result of the efforts from this project, the students received a \$4,500 grant to do a similar and expanded study of San Diego Bay.

The Roots & Shoots Program was created by Goodall to inspire youth of all ages to make a difference by becoming involved in their community. Each Roots & Shoots group plans and implements service-learning projects that promote care and concern for animals, the environment, and the human community.

